

Professional Development Sessions Overview

(Specific locations will be announced shortly. A **tentative** schedule for sessions follows the descriptions.)

<p>Saturday, January 19, 2019</p>	<p>Roundtable Discussion on three current focuses of IDTANA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Voy boards and other anonymous social media outlets; issues, responses, solutions ➤ Can choreography be protected (solo and team): options, methods, issues ➤ IDTANA’s future with regard to communications, use of technology, our website, and possible hiring of a marketing professional. <p>Participants will discuss these topics and attempt to arrive at motions or proposals recommending future directions on these topics that can be brought to the July 2019 IDTANA Convention for the membership to consider and implement.</p>
	<p>Roundtable Discussion on the Tri-Partite Agreement involving the IDTANA, CLRG, and the NAFC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ This agreement, which provides a structure for registering feiseanna in North America, is due to expire and must be renegotiated. ➤ The current format and procedures have resulted in issues and concerns among some member, even resulting in one region adopting its own format/procedures. ➤ Representatives from the three organizations will meet soon to discuss the agreement going forward. <p>Participants will explore the current agreement and some of the recurring issues/concerns and hopefully, develop some possible recommendations for how the agreement should be structured going forward so that representatives of the IDTANA participating in the upcoming joint planning for a future agreement will have possible solutions and recommendations to share.</p>
	<p>Preparing for the ADCRG exam (Presenter: RJ Beaton, SDCRG)</p> <p>Participants will review the current format for the ADCRG exam and some effective strategies for preparing for each part of the exam; a question/answer format will be part of this session; if time permits, participants will also be able to explore questions about the TCRG/TMRF exams.</p>
	<p>ADCRG Roundtable Discussion Presiders: Judy McCafferty, SDCRG; PJ McCafferty, ADCRG-BG)</p> <p>All current ADCRGs who are attending the mini convention and/or professional development sessions are welcome to attend this roundtable where they will discuss CLRG /IDTANA rules/practices, recurring issues, recent issues or concerns, and possible solutions. Participants will be asked to share their way of addressing an issue or concern. The goal is to develop possible solutions/approaches that can be shared with colleagues, and if appropriate, to develop motions or proposal that can be brought to the July 2019 IDTANA convention for consideration and/or implementation.</p>
<p>Sunday, January 20, 2019</p>	<p>Promoting Dancer Wellness: Internal Factors (Presenter: S Graham, TCRG)</p> <p>During this 90 minute session, participants will explore the internal issues that can affect dancer performance in the studio and on stage. They will be looking at the signs and symptoms of anxiety, stress, and eating disorders in dancers. Participants will learn how to work with and assist dancers who are dealing with mental health challenges</p>
	<p>Promoting Dancer Wellness: External Factors (Presenter: S Graham, TCRG)</p> <p>During this 90 minute sessions, participants will look at the external issues that can affect dancer performance in the studio and on stage. They will look at the signs and symptoms of bullying and abuse, with a focus on the rise in social media use among Irish dancers. Participants will learn how they can prevent bullying within their dance school, work with a bullied young dancer, and recognize the signs of abuse.</p>
	<p>TCRG, CEO, JANITOR!?! <i>Really? I just wanted to teach Irish Dancing!!</i> (Presenter: PJ McCafferty, ADCRG-BG)</p> <p>Participants in this roundtable discussion will explore such diverse topics as having a business plan, the legal structure of your business and its implications, dealing with the government (local, state, federal), managing your finances, networking, and insurance. <i>This session will NOT provide detailed tax reporting or financial advice.</i></p>

Tentative Timetable for PD Sessions

Saturday, January 19	9 – 10:00 AM	Roundtable Discussion on the Tri-Partite Agreement involving the IDTANA, CLRG, and the NAFC.
	10:30 AM-12:30 PM	Roundtable Discussion on three current focuses of IDTANA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voy boards • Choreography protection • Communications: the future for IDTANA
	12:30-2:00 PM	LUNCH
	2:00-4:00 PM	ADCRG Roundtable Discussion Presiders: Judy McCafferty, SDCRG; PJ McCafferty, ADCRG-BG) Preparing for the ADCRG exam (Presider: RJ Beaton, SDCRG)

Sunday, January 20	9-10:30 AM	Promoting Dancer Wellness: Internal Factors (Presenter: S Graham, TCRG)
	11:00-12:30 PM	TCRG, CEO, JANITOR?!? <i>Really? I just wanted to teach Irish Dancing!!</i> (Presider: PJ McCafferty, ADCRG-BG)
	12:30-2:00 PM	LUNCH
	2:00-3:30 PM	Promoting Dancer Wellness: External Factors (Presenter: S Graham, TCRG)

Presenters/ Presiders:

Scott Graham, TCRG, worked on the Education Team of the Luton Sexual Health Service while living in England, specializing in training teachers and students about Child Safeguarding issues. In addition, he worked with young people at risk of sexually harmful behavior and was trained in working with vulnerable young people with the utmost confidentiality. Currently, he works as a high school teacher.

Patrick J. McCafferty, ADCRG-BG (PJ), has been the co-director for many years of the McCafferty School of Irish Dance along with his wife Judy McCafferty, SDCRG. He is the treasurer-elect of the Southern Region of IDTANA, an office which he also held in previous years. He designed and oversaw implementation of an internet system for the registration and payment of dues for the members of the region. PJ had a long career in retailing as a corporate headquarter manager and an executive, providing him with experience in management and an understanding of accounting and financial statements.

Judy McCafferty, SDCRG has been the co-director for many years of the McCafferty School of Irish Dance along with her husband PJ McCafferty, ADCRG-BG. Judy is a full examiner with CLRG; she has been a member of examination panels worldwide. She is currently the Recording Secretary for the IDTANA. She is also a member of An Coiste Faire (CLRG's Ethics committee). She has served as the Regional Director of the Southern USA Region of IDTANA. She introduced the idea of an annual ADCRG's roundtable to IDTANA several years ago, and they have proven valuable for members who participated in them.

Russell J. Beaton, SDCRG, has been a full examiner for CLRG for over 10 years, and he currently serves as the chairperson of the Examination Authority (An tUdaras Scrudaithe) of CLRG. He has served on examination panels in Ireland, England, Austria, Canada, and Australia. He is also the current President of the IDTANA, Inc.